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 Soviet newspapers, on agriculture in the USSR as a whole and in 14 of
 the union republics. Progress and statistical data are given on the
 following: sown area, crops, mechanization, fertilization, rural elec-
 trification, land improvement, and labor and organization.

Numbers in parentheses refer to appended sources.]

USSR

From 1913 through 1952, the area devoted to industrial crops in the USSR in-
 creased 1.4 times.(1)

Karelo-Finnish SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 - 1953 plan for
 repair of tractors and agricultural machinery in MTS, LMS (meadow improvement sta-
 tions), and sovkhoses of the republic:

Okrug	1 Apr (2)				5 Apr(3)				10 Apr (4)			
	Trac- tors	Flows	Seeders	Culti- vators	Tractors	Flows	Seeders	Culti- vators	Trac- tors	Flows	Seeders	Culti- vators
MTS and LMS												
Petrozavodskiy	89	84	96	79	91	93	91	98	86			
Segezhskiy	77	73	79	41	81	87	76	81	43			
Republic as whole	87	82	93	71	89	92	88	95	76			
Sovkhoses of republic	87	87	97	86	94	97	89	113	100			

During the Fifth Five-Year Plan, land improvement work is to be carried out on
 an area of 95,000 hectares in the republic.

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Kolkhozes, sovkhozes, MTS, and specialized stations of the republic completed the 1952 agricultural year with unsatisfactory results. These were due primarily to poor preparation for spring field work; failure to fulfill the plans for plowing of winter fallow, virgin land, and long-fallow land; and unsatisfactory utilization of agricultural machinery.

In 1953, the sown area is being increased in kolkhozes of the republic. The volume of land improvement work is being increased considerably.

As of 10 April, the following deficiencies existed in kolkhozes with regard to preparation for 1953 spring field work: many kolkhozes had not yet been supplied with grain and perennial grass seed; seed potatoes were still lacking; tractors and agricultural machinery were not ready for operation; and many MTS lacked personnel for two-shift operation of agricultural machinery.(5)

Estonian SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 - 1953 plan for repair of tractors in MTS of the republic:

Oblast	31 Mar (6)			5 Apr (7)		
	All Repair	Capital Repair	Current Repair	All Repair	Capital Repair	Current Repair
Pyarnuskaya	85	101	76	88	104	79
Tallinskaya	86	106	75	92	112	79
Tartuskaya	87	109	73	90	111	77

Latvian SSR

During the last 7 years, the number of MTS in the republic has increased from 50 to 107 and the number of tractors in them 12 times.(8)

Lithuanian SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952 - 1953 plan for tractor repair in MTS of the republic:

Oblast	31 Mar (9)	5 Apr (10)
Kaunasskaya	87.7	91.1
Klaypedskaya	80.4	83.0
Shyaulyayskaya	80.2	85.1
Vil'nyusskaya	83.9	85.9

Field work was in full swing in all areas of the republic by 15 April. Sowing of grain crops had begun in some areas. The soil was in good condition for sowing almost everywhere.(11)

Belorussian SSR

By 4 April, spring field work was in progress in all oblasts of the republic, including Polotskaya and Vitebskaya oblasts in the northern portion of the republic. The principal type of work being performed was supplemental fertilization of winter crops, although in the south harrowing of winter crops and sowing of perennial grasses had also begun. Tractor repair and haulage of local fertilizers were also still being carried out; as a result of poor organization, these operations were proceeding unsatisfactorily in some oblasts.(12)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1953 plans for supplemental fertilization and harrowing of crops in kolkhozes of the republic:

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Oblast	5 Apr (13)				10 Apr (14)			
	Supplemental Fertilization		Harrowing		Supplemental Fertilization		Harrowing	
	Perennial Grasses		Perennial Grasses		Perennial Grasses		Perennial Grasses	
	Winter Crops	of Former Years	Winter Crops	of Former Years	Winter Crops	of Former Years	Winter Crops	of Former Years
Baranovichskaya	39.5	0.9	4.1	0.8	64.9	1.5	8.9	6.2
Bobruyskaya	46.3	4.9	3.6	0.4	76.7	7.0	14.3	2.0
Brestskaya	122.7	6.6	12.8	3.4	132.8	7.6	20.1	5.4
Gomel'skaya	89.9	3.3	5.1	2.0	114.8	6.5	15.1	4.5
Grodenskaya	68.7	5.3	6.5	3.9	76.8	6.4	12.4	9.5
Minskaya	37.5	0.6	1.0	--	71.3	1.9	4.3	1.3
Mogilevskaya	11.0	0.5	--	--	34.6	0.9	0.9	0.2
Molodechnenskaya	20.7	0.6	0.5	0.1	53.7	2.9	2.9	1.8
Pinskaya	105.6	4.6	13.2	4.2	111.3	4.9	16.4	4.2
Poleskaya	111.5	18.8	13.4	0.5	126.5	21.2	26.4	2.1
Polotskaya	2.2	--	--	--	71.4	--	--	--
Vitebskaya	15.8	0.1	--	--	38.6	0.6	1.9	--

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1952-1953 plan for repair of tractors and combines in MTS of the republic and of the 1953 plan for application of local fertilizers (manure and peat) to kolkhoz fields of the republic:

Oblast	5 Apr (13)		10 Apr (15)		31 Mar (16)		10 Apr (15)	
	Tractors	Combines	Tractors	Combines	Manure	Peat	Manure	Peat
Baranovichskaya	94.1	12.7	96.1	12.7	77.0	92.2	78.9	92.2
Bobruyskaya	87.5	15.5	90.4	16.0	44.1	48.9	47.4	50.5
Brestskaya	90.4	11.8	90.7	11.8	74.8	33.1	79.3	33.5
Gomel'skaya	87.8	19.0	91.1	19.0	39.7	45.4	41.8	45.9
Grodenskaya	89.3	23.8	93.3	23.8	79.1	62.4	83.3	64.9
Minskaya	86.2	12.1	88.4	12.6	44.8	35.4	47.4	36.3
Mogilevskaya	88.7	9.9	91.8	10.8	34.2	8.8	37.5	9.2
Molodechnenskaya	89.0	6.9	91.3	6.9	66.0	85.9	69.8	88.6
Pinskaya	86.7	9.9	89.5	9.9	65.3	22.8	69.3	23.6
Poleskaya	91.8	12.8	94.1	12.8	44.7	27.7	50.2	28.2
Polotskaya	73.3	15.2	83.1	16.0	52.0	30.4	55.8	31.6
Vitebskaya	80.3	9.0	83.4	9.6	29.6	5.4	33.5	5.5

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1953 plans for sowing of spring crops in kolkhozes of the republic:

Oblast	5 Apr (13)			10 Apr (14)		
	Perennial Grasses			Perennial Grasses		
	Early Spiked	Spring under		Early Spiked	Spring under	
	Grain Crops	Wheat	Cover Crop	Grain Crops	Wheat	Cover Crop
Baranovichskaya	--	--	--	5.9	4.7	13.2
Bobruyskaya	0.6	0.3	0.4	2.7	2.3	3.0
Brestskaya	24.7	13.1	5.2	47.3	41.7	9.6
Gomel'skaya	--	--	10.0	4.3	3.6	22.4
Grodenskaya	13.2	7.1	1.5	32.1	28.7	6.4
Minskaya	--	--	--	0.8	0.5	1.8
Mogilevskaya	--	--	2.5	--	--	7.0
Molodechnenskaya	--	--	1.6	0.5	0.1	6.1
Pinskaya	21.2	10.7	21.9	41.4	27.3	32.3
Poleskaya	11.2	6.5	22.0	30.9	23.4	45.8
Polotskaya	--	--	1.1	--	--	5.6
Vitebskaya	--	--	0.6	--	--	3.5

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Kolkhozes of the republic had begun sowing flax by 14 April. Particular attention is being paid to the development of this highly profitable crop in 1953. Sowing is being carried out on well prepared and well fertilized land previously occupied by perennial grasses, and also on long-fallow land. In 1953, kolkhozes of the republic are expanding the area sown to flax by 27,000 hectares.(17)

In 1952, 37 MTS and one meadow improvement station were in operation in Bobruyskaya Oblast. In 1953, two additional MTS are in operation. During the last two years, the amount of machinery in these MTS has increased considerably: the number of self-propelled combines increased 50 percent, the number of seeders and cultivators doubled, and the number of tractors increased.

In 1952, the plan for tractor work was fulfilled 101.3 percent; the output per 15-horsepower tractor was 371 hectares of conventional plowing.(18)

Ukrainian SSR

The Ukraine is one of the main maize-growing regions of the USSR. In some of the southern oblasts of the republic, maize is being grown on 40-54 percent of the total areas devoted to spring grain crops in 1953.(19)

Kolkhozes of L'vovskaya Oblast had completed sowing of early spring crops by 13 April; sowing was performed almost twice as quickly as in 1952.(20)

Kolkhozes of Zakarpatskaya Oblast have received planting supplies of Georgian tea for the establishment of new tea plantations in the oblast. The oblast is becoming a new tea-growing region. The first experimental plantings were made in 1949; tea acclimatized well to local conditions and now has a definite place in the production program of some kolkhozes. Thus far, 20 kolkhozes have tea plantations. In 1952, two kolkhozes obtained yields of about one half ton per hectare.(21)

Construction of an interkolkhoz hydroelectric power station has begun on the Seret River near the village of Skorodintsa in Ternopol'skaya Oblast. The Chernyatskaya GES on the Yuzhnyy Bug River in Vinnitskaya Oblast is being completed.

In 1953, more than 50 rural hydroelectric power plants and 15 rural steam power plants are to be built in the Ukraine. By the end of the year, more than 300 kolkhozes are to have been electrified and 6,500 motors installed.(22)

Moldavian SSR

By 3 April, most kolkhozes of Kagul'skiy and Tiraspol'skiy okrugs had completed moisture retention work and sowing of early crops. Sowing of spring spoked-grain crops and sunflowers was in full swing in kolkhozes of Kishinevskiy and southern Bel'tskiy okrugs. In the northern portions of the republic, harrowing of winter fallow had begun and supplemental fertilization of winter crops and perennial grasses was being completed.

In 1953, spring crops must be sown largely on spring-plowed land in some kolkhozes of the republic; this circumstance emphasizes the importance of high-quality plowing and its early completion, so that good harvests will be obtained.(23)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1953 plans for spring field work in kolkhozes of the republic:

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<u>Okrug</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Supplemental Fertilization</u>		<u>Harrowing of</u>
	<u>Plowing</u>	<u>Winter Crops</u>	<u>Perennial Grasses</u>	<u>Winter Crops</u>
<u>1 Apr (24)</u>				
Bel'tskiy	9.0	86.4	30.0	18.4
Kagul'skiy	22.5	100.1	94.8	60.4
Kishinevskiy	19.3	105.0	17.5	41.9
Tiraspol'skiy	30.2	72.6	57.3	59.5
<u>5 Apr (25)</u>				
Bel'tskiy	27.4	102.7		68.7
Kagul'skiy	41.3	101.3		83.0
Kishinevskiy	37.4	114.1		76.6
Tiraspol'skiy	46.8	77.2		84.2
<u>10 Apr (26)</u>				
Bel'tskiy	43.1			83.6
Kagul'skiy	63.5			89.4
Kishinevskiy	55.2			88.1
Tiraspol'skiy	68.0			99.6

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1953 plans for sowing of spring crops in kolkhozes of the republic:

<u>Okrug</u>	<u>All Crops</u>	<u>Spiked Grains</u>	<u>Sun- flowers</u>	<u>Perennial Grasses under Cover Crop</u>	<u>Sugar Beets</u>	<u>Root Crops</u>	<u>Fodder Crops</u>	<u>Annual Grasses</u>
<u>1 Apr (24)</u>								
Bel'tskiy	2.5	19.4	3.6	4.8				
Kagul'skiy	24.9	101.3	68.3	32.0				
Kishinevskiy	11.2	63.5	21.6	7.3				
Tiraspol'skiy	33.5	102.8	100.0	55.8				
<u>5 Apr (25)</u>								
Bel'tskiy	18.4		37.8	34.1	33.6	16.0		17.9
Kagul'skiy	31.2		86.2	46.1	--	6.7		58.6
Kishinevskiy	28.9		67.9	31.9	20.3	31.5		39.4
Tira. pol'skiy	37.5		100.4	73.8	--	45.8		28.5
<u>10 Apr (26)</u>								
Bel'tskiy	31.1		68.3	63.6	68.6	37.5		33.9
Kagul'skiy	44.2		82.9	54.6	--	15.8		72.1
Kishinevskiy	38.8		91.6	46.6	64.0	48.3		50.4
Tiraspol'skiy	54.1		88.6	85.6	--	67.0		70.0

Georgian SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1953 plans for spring plowing and sowing of spring crops in the republic, as of 10 April (27):

<u>Administrative Unit</u>	<u>Plowing</u>	<u>Sowing</u>	<u>Administrative Unit</u>	<u>Plowing</u>	<u>Sowing</u>
Abkhazskaya ASSR	60.5	1.8	Yugo-Osetinskaya Avto-		
Adzharskaya ASSR	16.9	1.4	nomnaya Oblast	15.4	11.4
Kutaiskaya Oblast	36.6	3.6	Republic as whole	38.7	12.7
Tbilisskaya Oblast	40.0	23.9			

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Azerbaydzhan SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1953 plan for sowing of cotton in the republic:

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>9 Apr (28)</u>	<u>10 Apr (29)</u>	<u>12 Apr (30)</u>	<u>13 Apr (31)</u>
Bakinskaya	30.2	33.4	44.3	50.1
Gyandzhinskaya	40.9	46.1	58.3	64.6
Nagorno-Karabakhskaya Avtonomnaya	30.6	40.7	47.6	57.5
Nakhichevanskaya ASSR	18.9	23.3	33.7	39.1
Sovkhozes of republic	10.2	13.4	19.0	25.9

Kazakh SSR

By 3 April, the first hundreds of thousands of hectares of spring crops had been sown in the southern oblasts of the republic. Several days remain before the beginning of spring field work in the western and northeastern oblasts.(32)

Attaching particular importance to fulfillment of the 1953 spring plan for conversion of the irrigation network to the new method of irrigation, the Council of Ministers and TsK KP Kazakh SSR have charged the ministries of agriculture and cotton growing, their local organs, the oblast executive committees, and the oblast party committees to take all necessary measures for speeding up conversion to the new method, and to assign to this work not less than the following number of kolkhoz workers in the various oblasts: Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya, 15,000; Dzhambul'skaya, 8,000; Kzyl-Ordinskaya, 2,000; Taldy-Kurganskaya, 8,000; Alma-Atinskaya, 1,000; Semipalatinskaya, 3,000; and Vostochno-Kazakhstanskaya, 4,500.

The 1953 spring plan for conversion of the irrigation network is to be fulfilled by 1 May in the southern oblasts and by 15 May in all other oblasts.(33)

Construction of an 880-kilowatt rural hydroelectric power station has begun on the Usek River in the mountains near the city of Panfilov in Taldy-Kurganskaya Oblast. It is to provide power for an MTS and 12 kolkhozes. At present, two rural power stations are being equipped in Yuzhno-Kazakhstanskaya Oblast and three in Alma-Atinskaya Oblast.(34)

Uzbek SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1953 plan for sowing of cotton in the republic:

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>31 Mar (35)</u>	<u>1 Apr (36)</u>	<u>2 Apr (37)</u>	<u>3 Apr (38)</u>	<u>4 Apr (39)</u>
Andizhanskaya	10.7	10.7	14.5	25.8	32.1
Bukharskaya	11.8	19.1	24.2	34.2	40.3
Ferganskaya	2.7	4.5	7.5	16.4	21.7
Kara-Kalpakskaya ASSR	not begun	not begun	not begun	0.03	0.1
Kashka-Dar'inskaya	0.5	1.2	1.2	7.6	14.2
Khorezmskaya	not begun	not begun	not begun	0.8	2.1
Namanganskaya	2.3	2.3	2.3	9.2	13.7
Samar'kandskaya	0.1	0.1	0.9	4.0	8.0
Surkhan-Dar'inskaya	36.4	38.1	39.8	47.8	53.3
Tashkent'skaya	6.0	6.0	10.8	18.0	19.4

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<u>Oblast</u>	<u>6 Apr (40)</u>	<u>7 Apr (41)</u>	<u>8 Apr (42)</u>	<u>9 Apr (43)</u>	<u>10 Apr (44)</u>
Andizhanskaya	43.5	47.9	54.9	62.4	69.3
Bukharakaya	53.1	59.3	65.1	70.8	75.9
Ferganskaya	30.6	35.4	41.8	48.5	54.5
Kara-Kalpakskaya ASSR	1.0	1.8	3.5	5.4	10.6
Kashka-Dar'inskaya	23.0	27.7	35.0	46.2	54.9
Khorezmskaya	6.7	9.9	13.3	16.8	20.7
Namanganskaya	23.5	29.9	36.8	43.9	51.2
Samarkandskaya	17.3	22.4	29.5	36.8	44.1
Surkhan-Dar'inskaya	62.5	67.4	73.4	79.8	85.6
Tashkentskaya	30.0	37.5	45.7	53.6	60.7

	<u>11 Apr (45)</u>	<u>12 Apr (46)</u>	<u>14 Apr (47)</u>
Andizhanskaya	76.0	86.5	87.8
Bukharakaya	79.3	85.9	87.9
Ferganskaya	61.4	74.0	78.0
Kara-Kalpakskaya ASSR	13.9	22.2	27.0
Kashka-Dar'inskaya	65.3	75.2	75.2
Khorezmskaya	24.6	32.7	36.9
Namanganskaya	58.7	73.8	77.1
Samarkandskaya	51.5	59.8	59.8
Surkhan-Dar'inskaya	94.7	96.9	97.5
Tashkentskaya	67.2	78.5	97.5
Sovkhozoes of republic		97.8	

Turkmen SSR

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of the 1953 plan for sowing of cotton in the republic:

<u>Oblast</u>	<u>9 Apr (48)</u>	<u>10 Apr (49)</u>	<u>11 Apr (50)</u>	<u>13 Apr (51)</u>	<u>14 Apr (52)</u>
Ashkhabadskaya	48.5	53.0	58.6	58.6	60.3
Chardzhoukaya	40.3	45.5	51.0	56.5	56.9
Maryyskaya	61.4	68.8	75.9	77.4	77.8
Tashauzkaya	8.8	11.0	13.5	19.0	22.1

During the postwar Five-Year Plan, the area sown to cotton in the republic increased 39 percent, the yield doubled, and the gross raw cotton harvest increased 1.7 times. In the final year of the five-year plan period, the yield was 15 percent greater and the gross harvest was 21 percent greater than planned for that year; the gross harvest was 33 percent greater than in 1940.(53)

Tadzhik SSR

The second half of March 1953 was cold and wet in Tadzhikistan. While considerable cotton had been sown by 1 April 1952, sowing was only beginning by 1 April 1953 because of the unfavorable weather conditions. Thus, the cold spring delayed spring field work in the republic by 10-15 days.(54)

Kirgiz SSR

As of 1 April, the 1953 plan for sowing of spring crops in the republic as a whole had been fulfilled only 12.3 percent; as of the same date, the 1952 plan had been fulfilled 23.2 percent. As of this date, sovkhoses of the Ministry of State Farms of the republic had fulfilled the 1953 plan 7.2 percent, while they had fulfilled the 1952 plan 19.1 percent as of the same date.

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Fodder crops were being sown slowly. The plan for sowing of alfalfa without a cover crop had been fulfilled only 14.3 percent, that for sowing of alfalfa under a cover crop only 9.8 percent. Most kolkhozes had not begun sowing fodder root crops and ensilage crops. (55)

The following table shows percentage fulfillment of 1953 plans for spring field work in kolkhozes of the republic:

Oblast	Spring Plowing	Soil Preparation for Cotton	All Spring Crops Sown	Cotton	Perennial Grasses without Cover Crop	Harrowing	
						Winter Perennial Crops	Perennial Grasses
1 Apr (56)							
Dzhalal-Abadskaya	18.3	63.5	7.3		12.6	8.1	24.8
Frunzenskaya	47.8	30.8	17.6		10.0	13.0	46.4
Issyk-Kul'skaya	31.4	--	1.0		--	3.4	4.7
Oshskaya	27.3	34.5	16.2		27.3	9.2	29.9
Talasskaya	61.4	--	34.7		4.0	16.2	47.0
Tyan'-Shan'skaya	--	--	--		--	--	--
5 Apr (57)							
Dzhalal-Abadskaya	34.5	63.5	12.7	3.7	22.0	15.4	
Frunzenskaya	57.0	34.7	28.9	--	16.0	18.2	
Issyk-Kul'skaya	35.6	--	3.7	--	--	5.8	
Oshskaya	32.9	35.5	22.9	3.7	40.2	15.4	
Talasskaya	66.8	--	44.3	--	10.0	24.4	
Tyan'-Shan'skaya	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

By 15 April, cotton sowing was in full swing in kolkhozes of Oshskaya and Dzhalal-Abadskaya oblasts. However, as of this date, less cotton had been sown than called for by plan. The slow pace was due to poor utilization of tractors and tractor-drawn seeders. During the second 5-day period of April, 447 seeders sowed 2,200 hectares per day in Oshskaya Oblast, whereas this number of seeders should have been able to sow 4,500 hectares daily. Of the more than 400 seeders available in MTS of Dzhalal-Abadskaya Oblast, only 60-70 percent were actually in use. (58)

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